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NRC ISSUES ORDER PROHIBITING HEALTH PHYSICS CONSULTANT FROM ENGAGING IN NRC-LICENSED ACTIVITIES FOR THREE YEARS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has issued an Order prohibiting a health physics consultant who provided services to hospitals in West Virginia and Virginia from engaging in NRC-licensed activities for a period of three years from September 23, 2002.

The consultant, Perry M. Beale, is prohibited from engaging in activities conducted under a license issued by the NRC, including activities of state licensees through agreements with the NRC conducted under the authority of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 150.20. Mr. Beale provided consulting services to City Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia; Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, Virginia; Culpeper Memorial Hospital in Culpeper, Virginia; Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton, Virginia; and Prince William Hospital in Manassas, Virginia.

NRC officials said Mr. Beale acknowledged at a predecisional enforcement conference with agency officials that he had provided the hospitals with inaccurate calculations and evaluations regarding the use of radioactive materials and that Culpeper Hospital had been provided with inaccurate information regarding his educational background and professional qualifications.

The NRC must be able to rely upon its licensees and their employees, including consultants, to comply with NRC requirements and to provide complete and accurate information. NRC officials said Mr. Beale's misconduct involving falsification of records related to his qualifications and to licensees' compliance with regulatory requirements raised serious concerns regarding his trustworthiness and reliability and his willingness to comply with NRC requirements.

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